

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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JOSEPH ANTONETTI,

Plaintiff,

v.

DWIGHT NEVIN, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:07-cv-00162-MMD-VCF

ORDER

(Request for Copies of Filings – Dkt. no. 100)

(Motion for Restraining Order – Dkt. no. 101)

Before this Court are Plaintiff's Notice of Change of Address, which includes a request for copies of all filings in this case since the time of his move (dkt. no. 100), and Plaintiff's Motion for a Restraining Order (dkt. no. 101). The two Motions are related because Plaintiff requests a restraining order against parties he claims prevented him from informing the Court of his change of address. (See dkt. no. 101.)


The statute providing authority to proceed *in forma pauperis*, 28 U.S.C. § 1915, does not include the right to obtain court documents without payment. Although the Ninth Circuit has not spoken on the issue, courts in other jurisdictions have not allowed plaintiffs proceeding *in forma pauperis* to receive free copies of documents from the court without the plaintiff demonstrating a specific showing of need. *In re Richard*, 914 F.2d 1526, 1527 (6th Cir. 1990) (28 U.S.C. § 1915 does not give litigant right to have documents copied at government expense); *Douglas v. Green*, 327 F.2d 661, 662 (6th Cir. 1964) (no free copy of court orders); *Collins v. Goord*, 438 F. Supp. 2d 399, 416 (S.D.N.Y. 2006) (same). Plaintiff here demonstrates the requisite need because of his

1 recent change of address. The Court therefore GRANTS his motion. Because the Court  
2 grants Plaintiff's request to be sent the filings in this case, his Motion for a Restraining  
3 Order is denied.

4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for copies of the documents  
5 in this case (dkt. no. 100) is GRANTED. Plaintiff shall receive copies of any filings  
6 submitted between June 15, 2012, and June 29, 2012.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for a Restraining Order is  
8 DENIED.

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10 DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012.

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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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